(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the foreign exchange earnings are likely to decline as a result of this revision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Separate minimum export prices have not been fixed for different grades of tea. Further minimum export prices were not applicable to tea exports in 1983-84.

During 1984-85 minimum export prices were initially fixed at Rs. 35/- per Kg. for North Indian tea and Rs. 33/- per Kg. for South Indian tea purchased in auctions. With effect from 11th March 1985 the minimum export prices for both North and South Indian teas were reduced to Rs. 31/- per Kg. The minimum export price was further reduced to Rs. 26/-per Kg. with effect from 29th April 1985.

The revisions in minimum export price were necessitated by the downward trend of International prices. The foreign exchange earnings from tea exports will depend on the general level of international prices.

FICCI's Cooperation for tackling the Menace of Unaccounted Money

95. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recently offered Government full cooperation of the business community towards reducing the menace of unaccounted money and bringing larger resources into productive channels; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Exchange Earnings from Exports

96. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of increase in the foreign exchange earnings from exports during the last three years;

(b) what is the quantum of this increase that is attributable to the trade fairs organised by the Trade Fair Authority of India during the above period;

(c) whether Government propose to diversify the activities of the Trade Fair Authority of India; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) India's exports during the last three years were as follows;

Year	Exports (Value : Rs. crores)	% variation
1982-83	8907.75	+14.1
1983-84	9872.10	+10.8
1984-85 (Prov.)	11297.38	+20.2*

*As compared with the provisional figures of Rs. 9396.15 crores during 1983-84.

(b) it is not possible to exactly quantify the share of the increase attributable to Trade Fair Authority of India. However, business reported to be finalised in Trade Fair Authority of India's foreign participations during the period in question was over Rs. 500 crores.

(c) and (d) The Trade Fair Authority of India is undertaking diversification of its activities abroad by organising more specialised fair participations and holding exhibitions in new areas. In India